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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The absorber pipe (1), especially for a parabolic collector for a solar heat collecting apparatus, is described. The absorber pipe (1) has a central metal pipe (3) and a glass sleeve tube (2). An expansion compensation device (10) is provided, which is arranged under a glass-metal transitional element (5) attached to the sleeve tube (2) and at least partially within in an annular space (4) and between the metal pipe (3) and the a glass-metal transitional element (5), which is ~~attached to the sleeve tube (2)~~. The expansion compensation device (10), which connects the metal pipe and sleeve tube so that they can slid relative to each other, can have a folding bellows (11). Furthermore a connecting element (15) is provided, which has either a cylindrical or a conical section (17, 18, 18") and which connects one end of the folding bellows with the metal pipe.